

**REMARKS**

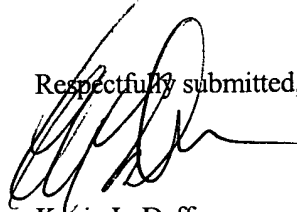
In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 16-23 for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-15 are withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fees, if any, to Conley Rose, P.C. deposit account no. 03-2769/5298-04301.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin L. Daffer', is written over the typed name.

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